

Transportation Discipline Policy

If student's behavior on a bus is unacceptable, the following procedures will be followed by the bus driver.

Minor Offenses: Willful disobedience, disruptive items such as balloons, toys, water guns, playing cards, snowballs, lack of respect for others i.e. elementary students fighting, spitting, profanity, throwing things, rude gestures, distracting noise or activities, eating/food and drink, litter.

- 1st offense:
1. Written conduct report to notify parents and supervisor.
  2. Parents signature is required on conduct report for student to continue to ride the school bus.
  3. If the conduct report is not signed and returned the driver will call the student's parents.

- 2nd offense:
1. Written conduct report to notify parents and supervisor.
  2. A conference arranged by the supervisor between the parents, student, and supervisor.
  3. Loss of bus privilege for 3 days.

- 3rd offense:
1. Written conduct report to notify parents and supervisor.
  2. Conference arranged by the supervisor between the parents, student, driver, principal, superintendent, and school board.
  3. Pending outcome of conference, possible loss of bus privilege for the school year.

Serious Offenses: Destruction and vandalism--matches, knives, destruction of property. Law related-endangering the safety of other passengers or motorists, window position in loading areas, littering out window, staying in seat. Law violations-alcohol, drugs, tobacco, any medications that are not approved by school policy 3510. Bullying, hazing, gross willful disobedience, and fighting middle and high school students.

- 1st offense:
1. Written conduct report to notify parents and supervisor.
  2. Conference is arranged by the supervisor between the parents, student, driver, supervisor and principal.
  3. Restitution, if necessary.
  4. Loss of Bus privilege for 5 days.

- 2nd offense:
1. Written conduct report to notify parents and supervisor.

2. Hearing arranged by the supervisor between the parents, student, driver, supervisor, principal, superintendent and the school board.
3. Possible loss of bus privilege for the school year.

Any vandalism or destruction of school bus property will result in payment for damages and may result in automatic forfeiture of all school bus privileges for one (1) calendar year (365 days from date of occurrence).

Nothing will prevent the district from denying transportation to any student in any school bus or other transportation equipment operated by or under the authority of the district, upon good cause given in writing to the parent/guardian of such student.

### Discipline of Students with Disabilities

If a student's IEP team determines that special transportation is required and documents it on the IEP, all procedures under the IDEA 2004 must be followed with regards to the student and transportation. A suspension from bus transportation depends on whether bus transportation is identified on the IEP:

1. If bus transportation is on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would be treated as a suspension from school. An exception to this is if the district provides transportation in some other way, such as transportation in lieu of, because transportation is necessary.
2. If bus transportation is not on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would not be counted as suspension from school. In this situation, the student and the parent would have the same obligation to get to and from school as a student without a disability who had been suspended from the bus.

Cross Reference:	3330	Student Discipline
	8130	Transportation of Students with Disabilities
	8140	Student Conduct on Buses

Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-1501	Transportation authorized
	I.C. § 33-205	Denial of school attendance

### Policy History:

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